

Open and transparent

I attended a Waihi Community Vision meeting at the Golden Legacy Centre on Monday September 12, and Glen Grinlay CEO presented on safety and the proposed expansion of the mine. I am impressed by their transparency and open-door policy.

I remember when I use to drive through Waihi to go to Waihi Beach before the goldmine came back into town, not much happening, and now, how amazing, I now live in this town and am proud to call myself a Waihian. Fantastic place to live.

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OUR VIEW

Have your say on adding value offer

What would you like to see improved in Waihi East?

A question not just for the Waihi East residents but to all Waihi community.

Newmont Mine has said it would like to improve property values and help improve the Waihi East community as a whole but they cannot do it without feedback nor can they do it in isolation.

So they are asking for feedback and this can be sent to *The Waihi Leader* by txt 021 820 942 or email, reporters@waihileader.co.nz or direct to Newmont on its 0800 639 6668 freephone which is manned (yes, no answerphone, a real person) 24 hours a day.

So what kind of information is wanted?

How could individual properties be improved, how could the value of a property be increased?

If you think of your house and what you would like to do to it or perhaps think of what you look for when you are buying a house. There are definitely things which add value. Is it garaging, gardens, insulation, good kitchen or a great paint job?

On the neighbourhood front it is time to take a look at the streets, at the amenities and make a wish list. Now, Newmont have said there isn't an open cheque book but it does want to help and does want to be reasonable but it needs to hear what you want.

On another issue I would like to see Waihi (that is all of us) try to improve the town's confidence.

Can we get a "Positive Waihi" promotion going? Something to tell everyone out there that this is a great place to live, to go to school, to shop, to do business.

What is the perception of Waihi out in the wide world? Is it good or is it so so?

What do other people say when you say you live in Waihi? Can we take a lead from Absolutely

Positively Wellington and get something going?

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